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REPRESENTATIVE LOUIS KAFKA RECEIVES VICTIM SERVICES “LEGISLATOR OF THE YEAR AWARD”

BOSTON – During Victim Rights Month in April, Attorney General Maura Healey and the Massachusetts Office for Victim Assistance (MOVA) recognize individuals and agencies that have made significant contributions to victim rights and services.

Representative Louis Kafka received MOVA’s Legislator of the Year Award for his leadership in promoting victim-centered legislation to improve the rights and services for victims throughout the state.

Representative Kafka has worked in the State House for well over 3 decades and is currently serving his 14th term as the State Representative for the 8th Norfolk District.

As Representative, he has served on many committees during his tenure, most notably as Vice Chairman of the House Special Committee on Veterans Affairs where he oversaw the enactment of laws relative to the rights and care of veterans and is currently serving as Assistant Majority Whip/Floor Division Chair.

Representative Kafka was nominated for this award for sponsoring several victim-centered legislative filings and for enacting Haley's Law in collaboration with Norfolk District Attorney Michael Morrissey and the Cremer Family.

Marc and Ivie Cremer, parents of Haley Cremer and recipients of MOVA’s Public Policy Advocacy Award last year, worked with Representative Kafka, DA Morrissey, Attorney General Maura Healey, and RMV Registrar Erin Deveney to establish law that provides local police with up-to-date RMV information on residents with revoked licenses. The law was named after Haley Cremer, who was hit and killed while jogging by a driver with a revoked license.

Representative Kafka also sponsored legislation to direct new revenues to the Human Trafficking Trust Fund, improve benefits for Victim Witness Advocates in District Attorneys’ Offices, and to sustain a statewide memorial for homicide victims throughout the state.

“I’m really honored to receive this award,” said Representative Kafka. “Victim Advocates do an unbelievable job that the public rarely sees, and I’m very proud to be an advocate for them in the Legislature.”

“During Victim Rights Month we have an opportunity to recognize those who help some of the most vulnerable and innocent among us. These individuals provide critical services to victims, and we are proud of the work they do in our communities,” said Attorney General Maura Healey.

“We are honored to present this award to Representative Kafka who has been a stalwart partner and champion on behalf of crime victims throughout the state” said Liam Lowney, MOVA’s Executive Director. “His efforts to respond directly to those impacted by crime and support the professionals that serve them in the aftermath is evidence of his commitment to public safety and ensuring crime victims the opportunity to heal in the wake of a tragedy.”

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